

Walter E. Barton Papers

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Biographical Note:

Walter Elbert Barton was born on November 7, 1886, in Wadesville, Posey County, Indiana. His parents were Anson and Sophia Ann (Blackburn) Barton. In 1914, Barton received his LL.B. degree from George Washington University. He was admitted to the Indiana bar the following year and practiced law in Evansville, Indiana. On December 6, 1917, he married Martha R. Browning with whom he had three daughters, Eleanor, Martha, and Mary Ellen.

During World War I, Barton served as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and was stationed in France. In 1920, he moved to Washington, D.C. to practice tax law before the federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court. On April 1, 1955, he married his second wife, Isabelle Stockett Nixon. Barton wrote numerous articles and books on tax law. Late in his life, he wrote two historical memoirs, *The Lost Heritage* (1978) and *In the Twilight of My Memory* (1981). He died on October 21, 1983, in Washington, D.C.

Source:

Thompson, Donald E., comp. Indiana Authors and their Books, 1917-1966. Crawfordsville, IN: Wabash College, 1974.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains Barton's articles and speeches including those for the *Rigby Star* describing the nation's capital and others on the topic of taxation; legal briefs regarding cases Barton argued before the U.S. Supreme Court; and the manuscripts of his two memoirs, *The Lost Heritage* and *In the Twilight of My Memory*, as well as published copies. Also included is a photograph of Barton

The collection is organized into three series: Articles & speeches, Legal briefs, and Manuscripts. Each series is organized chronologically.

Box and Folder Listing:

Box 1. *Articles and speeches & Legal briefs*

Folder

1. Articles for Rigby Star, 1912-1913
2. Valedictory address, 1914
3. Articles on taxation, 1949-1963
4. Legal briefs, 1930 May 8
5. Legal briefs, 1939 Oct.
6. Legal briefs, 1956 Oct.
7. Legal briefs, 1957 Oct.
8. Legal brief, 1961 Oct.
9. Legal briefs, 1968 Mar. 15

Box 2. *Manuscripts*

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1. Lost Heritage manuscript, title page-p. 40
 2. Lost Heritage manuscript, p. 41-90
 3. Lost Heritage manuscript, p. 91-139
 4. Lost Heritage manuscript, p. 140-200
 5. The Lost Heritage, 1978. signed copy
 6. Twilight manuscript, Contents-p. 39
 7. Twilight manuscript, p. 40-79
 8. Twilight manuscript, p. 80-119
 9. In the Twilight of my Memory, 1981. signed copy
 10. Walter E. Barton photograph, circa 1930s.
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Collection Information:

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<i>Collection Dates:</i>	1912-1981
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